

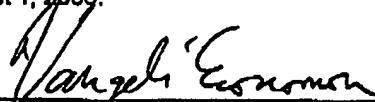
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 5, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 5, 2006. This Amendment is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Office Action, in order to claim benefit of the USPTO Expedited Procedure. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.